Price Reduction on Drugs

2840. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Hill the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Orogyl-DF Orgyl Tablets. Suspension, Flagyl Tablets and Metrogyl Tablets were reduced by Government;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that reduced prices have not been implemented by the formulators of these products;

(c) what was the earlier and the reduced price of each pack and strength of each of these products;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced the prices of the bulk drugs on which these formulations are based;

(e) if so, when and what was the earlier and the reduced price of each drug; and

(f) what are the reasons for non-implementation of prices by the formulators and what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) After reducing the prices of bulk drugs on 14th November, 1984, the prices of formulations were also reduced. The manufacturers, however, represented against the reduction in prices of bulk drugs and formulations under Para 27 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. After considering the representation the price of Metronidazole bulk drug was revised on 29th September, 1985 and the process of refixing the prices of formulations is on. Details of earlier prices and revised prices of bulk drugs and the leader prices of formulations have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2214 answered on 9th December, 1985.

Profit earned by Engineering Projects India Ltd.

2841. DR. RUDRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of operational profit earned by the Engineering Projects India Limited (E.P.I.) during the financial years 1981-82 to 1984-85; and

(b) what was the total value of contracts awarded to the E.P.I. both in domestic and foreign markets during the financial years 1981-82 to 1985-86, upto 31st November, 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The operational Profit/Loss made by E.P.I. during the financial years 1981-82 to 1984-85 is as under:

(Rs. Crore)

Financial Year	Operational Profit/Loss	
	(+)	(—)
1981-82		(—) 4.72
1982-83	(+) 0.25	
1983-84	( ) 0.11	
1984-85	(+) 6.45	

(b) the total value of contracts awarded to EPI both in domestic and foreign markets, during the financial years 1981-82 to 1985-86 upto 30-11-1985 is as under:

(Rs. Crores)

Financial year	Home	Foreign	Total
1981-82	40·14	23·11	63·25
1982-83	12·36	—	12·36
1983-84	30·68	34·53	65·21
1984-85	95·54	—	95·54
1985-86 (up to 30-11-85)	4·95	—	4·95